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JOINT EMBASSY-USIS MESSAGE

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ITALIAN REACTIONS CUBA: EASED TENSION, SOME HOPEFULNESS BUT
CONTINUED CONCERN MARK TONE TODAY'S PRESS TREATMENT, WITH KENNEDY'S
AND KHRUSHCHEV'S REPLIES TO U THANT, ROLE OF UN AS MEDIATOR,
RECEIVING MAJOR ATTENTION. INDIVIDUAL PAPERS INDICATE NO PARTI-
CULAR CHANGE FROM THEIR POSITIONS AS REPORTED YESTERDAY. MOST,
INCLUDING SOCIALIST AND COMMUNIST PRESS, FRONTPAGE POPE'S APPEAL
FOR NEGOTIATIONS. FIORE, WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT OF RIGHTIST
TEMPO, IN FRONTPAGE ARTICLE DECLARES "KHRUSHCHEV WAS PREPARING
MORTAL BLOW... THE AMERICANS, UNDER THREAT OF MISSILES IN CUBA
POINTED AT THEIR HOUSES, WOULD HAVE HAD TO GIVE IN ON BERLIN AND
GIVE UP BASES THAT PROTECT ITALY AND TURKEY. GROMYKO INVOLUNTARILY
MADE DIABOLIC PLAN FAIL." COMMUNISTS EMPHASIZE "KHRUSHCHEV
ACCEPTS U THANT PLAN; KENNEDY REJECTS PLAN BUT ACCEPTS PRELIMINARY
TALKS; USSR REAFFIRMS DESIRE FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTION." ETC.
PCI ORGAN UNITA (AND LESS PROMINENTLY SOCIALIST AVANTI) REPORT
DEMONSTRATIONS OF WORKERS AND STUDENTS IN SEVERAL AREAS, THOUGH
UNITA REPORTS OBVIOUSLY EXAGGERATED.

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